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Dear Interested Party:

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I am writing to inform you of the release of the draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact for the South Branch Kinzua Creek Supplemental Environmental Assessment project. After consideration of the comments received during the scoping and 30-day comment periods, it is my intent to implement the modified proposed action alternative. The draft decision notice and other related documents for the project are available on the Allegheny National Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57331. Printed copies are also available from the Marienville Ranger District upon request.

I considered the environmental effects of the proposed action in detail and explain my reasons for selecting the modified proposed action alternative in the draft decision notice. I have provided references to the environmental assessment to support my decision where appropriate. Errata for the supplemental environmental assessment is included with draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact.

This project is subject to the 36 Code of Federal Regulations, part 218 pre-decisional objection process. Objections for this project, including any attachments or supporting documentation, will be accepted for 45 days, beginning on the first day after the date of publication of the legal notice in *The Kane Republican*, Kane, Pennsylvania. Additional information about the objection process can be found in the Administrative Review and Objections Process section of the draft decision notice, as well as in the legal notice.

I thank you and appreciate the time and effort you have taken to express your comments on this project. If you would like more information, please contact Kevin Treese, Planning Team Leader, at (814) 927-5759 or kevin.treese@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

ROBERT **FALLON** Digitally signed by ROBERT FALLON Date: 2021.01.13 14:07:42 -05'00'

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